

ABANDONED WELL PROCESS FOR SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1 Can an agent sign the statement on behalf of the landowner or does it have to be filled and signed by the registered owner of the property?

An agent can sign the required statement on behalf of the registered landowner. The wording in the ERCB's Directive 79 is "confirmation from the applicant." So that applicant, be they an agent acting on behalf of an owner or the owner, can sign the statement and provide the written confirmation.

- 2 If there is an abandoned well on the subject property being subdivided, what is the proper procedure that should be followed? What is required from the licensee and the registered owner?

*The landowner, or agent acting on behalf of the landowner, must contact all licensees on the affected property. The licensee is then required to **physically locate the abandoned well(s)**.*

In order to demonstrate that this has occurred, Municipal Planning Services will require the following:

- a) *GPS coordinates of the well site(s); and*
- b) *a sketch of the site showing the exact location of the well(s) on the site and the required setback distance from the well site(s).*

This information must be provided by the licensee.

- 3 What does a landowner, or their agent, do if an abandoned well licensee no longer exists or is defunct?

The ERCB and the Orphan Well Association have reached an agreement whereby the Orphan Well Association will, when contacted by a landowner/agent, go out and locate the abandoned well on the property as per the regular responsibility of licensees. Further information on the Orphan Well Association can be found on their website: www.orphanwell.ca

- 4 Does all this information need to be provided before an application for subdivision can be processed?

Yes. Municipal Planning Services cannot open new applications until all relevant information regarding abandoned oil and gas wells has been provided by the owner/applicant.

- 5 Is this process going to cause the landowner additional expense?

No. The costs of locating any abandoned oil and gas wells is the burden of the licensee. This process may add additional time in the preparation of an application, but will not incur direct expenses on the landowner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Municipal Planning Services at 780-486-1991



STATEMENT REGARDING ABANDONED WELLS
NO WELLS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

I, _____, registered owner (or
(please print)

their agent) of _____, have consulted the Alberta Energy
(Legal land description)

Regulator (AER) Abandoned Well Map Viewer, and verified that **there are no abandoned** wells located on the property subject to this application. A copy of the AER map showing the subject property is attached.

Signature of registered owner (or agent)

Date

STATEMENT REGARDING ABANDONED WELLS
LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

I, _____, registered owner (or
(please print)

their agent) of _____, have consulted the Alberta Energy
(Legal land description)

Regulator (AER) Abandoned Well Map Viewer, and verified that **abandoned wells are located** on the property subject to this application. I have contacted the responsible licensee(s), and the exact well location(s) has/have been confirmed.

Additional information provided by the licensee(s) requiring a change in the setback area is attached:

- Yes
- Not applicable

In the event that construction activity occurs within the setback area of the abandoned well(s) as a result of development on the subject property, the abandoned well(s) will be temporarily marked with on-site identification to prevent contact during construction.

A copy of the AER map showing the subject property and a list identifying and locating the abandoned well(s) and on the subject property and a list are attached.

Signature of registered owner (or agent)

Date